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7 January 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director (Research) *AB*
SUBJECT: Request for Additional Coverage
of North Vietnam and South China
REFERENCE: Action Memorandum No. A-147,
4 January 1963

1. This paper contains a recommendation in
paragraph 6.

2. At its meeting on 4 January, the Committee on
Overhead Reconnaissance reviewed the need for Far Eastern
U-2 reconnaissance, account being taken of the report that a
repeat of the Szechwan Basin has been approved and that
approvals still exist for the Sino-Indian border.

3. COMOR agreed to consider at its meeting on
10 January the need for coverage of the south portion of [REDACTED]
North Vietnam (which has not been covered [REDACTED]
and coverage of any targets not covered in North Vietnam by
Mission 3206 of [REDACTED]. COMOR will at that time
also consider the need for further or repeat coverage of
South China in the light of both the North Vietnam Mission 3206
(which included a part of South China) and the South China
mission [REDACTED]. COMOR was not prepared on Friday,
4 January, to discuss this inasmuch as the preliminary reports
on these missions are by no means complete and further time
is required to assess what is the full extent of the coverage.
However, the members agreed that none of the information
from the preliminary reports was of such an ominous character
as to warrant immediate return to these areas in advance of a
more careful examination of the results.

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4. COMOR also on 10 January will consider a justification for recoverage of the missile-test range and [REDACTED]

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Barring new developments or ominous collateral, COMOR does not consider it necessary at this time to recover North China. It is COMOR's preliminary view that the North Korean mission was so complete that at the moment a return mission could not be justified. However, this will be carefully reviewed upon completion of the mission coverage index.

5. The CIA representative on COMOR joined in the foregoing conclusions.

6. In the light of the foregoing action of COMOR, it is recommended that permission for additional coverage of North Vietnam and South China not be requested of the Special Group at the meeting of 10 January. A report on the conclusions of COMOR at its meeting of 10 January will be submitted promptly thereafter.

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James Q. Reber

Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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The recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved:

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Director of Central Intelligence

Date 29 January 1963

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